

ADVENT GAZETTE



Good News of Great Joy!

THOUSAND OAKS—Jesus, God's love in person, is coming, and in the spirit of Advent—preparation for the birthday of this Holy Child—Ascension Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center has a roster of special events. Please plan to join us!

November 27 - First Sunday in Advent

November 30 (Wednesday) – Taize Advent service, 7 PM Sanctuary

December 2 (Friday) at 5 PM and 3 (Saturday) at 10 AM – Lefse making, Pederson Hall

December 4 (Sunday) -- Family Fun Snow Time, 4-5 PM, 5-:15 PM

Lighting of the Tree and Carols; 5:15-6 PM Hanging of the Green

December 7 (Wednesday) -- Taize Advent service, 7 PM

December 9 (Friday) – School Christmas Program

December 11 (Sunday) Compassionate Friends memorial service, 6 PM

December 14 (Wednesday) – Taize Advent service, 7 PM

December 16 (Friday) – Christmas Chapel, 11:15

December 17 (Saturday) – **Caroling** - Meet at the Bus in the big parking lot!, 12:30 PM (will be finished before 3 PM); Cowboy Christmas Worship Service

December 21 (Wednesday) -- Taize Advent service, 7 PM

December 24 (Saturday, Christmas Eve) – Christmas Eve services, 3 PM, 5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM

December 25 (Sunday, Christmas Day) – Christmas morning service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM



Let's Celebrate Christ's Birth Together!

Ascension will have five services on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, beginning at 3 PM and continuing every two hours through 11 PM. Special family services will be held at 3 and 5 PM.

Traditional services are scheduled for 7 and 9 PM, while a candlelight communion service will be held at 11 PM.

On Christmas Day, join the Delkeskamp Family for one of their favorite traditions - Christmas Morning Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM.

Family Snow Fun & Hanging of the Green

On Sunday, Dec. 4, there'll be snow play fun right here in our parking lot, from 4-5 PM. Even better, our youth will be serving lefse, hot off the grill, with a selection of favorite toppings! What a tasty fundraiser!



At 5 PM, we'll head into the sanctuary for lighting of the Christmas Tree and carols. Families with kids who might wish to head home after the first 15 minutes are welcome to do so, while the rest of us enjoy Christmas music together until 6 PM.

All are welcome! Bring your friends for the fun!

WEDNESDAY EVENING TAIZE ADVENT SERVICES

This year, Ascension is offering Wednesday Evening Taize services through Advent.

Taize services center on distinctive and repeated prayer chants, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer. There is scripture, and there is silence.



Nov. 30; Dec. 7, 14 and 21 Sanctuary – all at 7:00 PM

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Celebrating Advent in Word, Deed, and Song



Advent is the beginning of a New Church Year. It is a season of preparation, reflection, and renewal that is celebrated by Christians throughout the world. How do we celebrate this season in our church and in our homes? How do you mark the season in your own families? Does the season become lost in the busyness of Christmas preparations? How can we make this season more meaningful?

Join Pastor Chamie Delkeskamp and Carol Bartell as we share our Advent journey together in our Adult Education classes on

December 4, 11, and 18.



Cowboy Christmas

If you've been to one of these services before, you know how special cowboy Christmas worship can be. There's music and surprises from Country Spirit & friends that'll make you feel like you're out on the range, under a blanket of stars by a campfire, feeling mighty close to God. Wear your Western clothes if you like. Afterward, enjoy Nancy Lee's legendary Dutch oven cobbler. **Dec. 17 at 6 PM**

Get Inspired with Our Advent Devotional

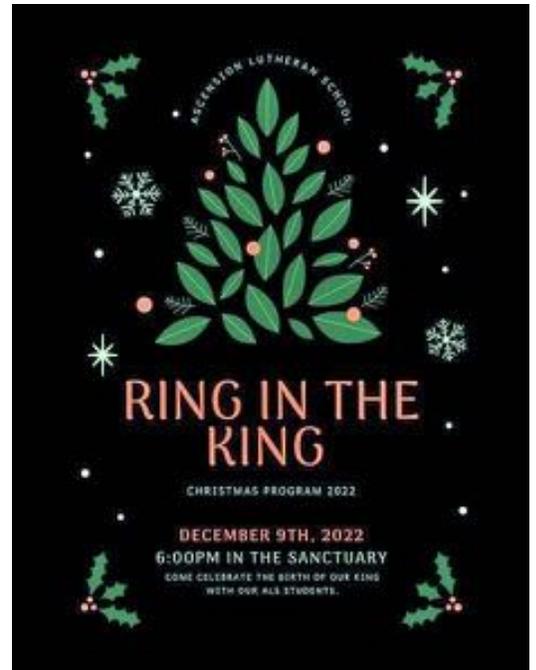
Need some special reading material for Christmas? Check out our Advent Devotional. Each year, members and the pastors of our congregation volunteer to write a devotional for the Advent season, and students from our school provide artwork.

The booklet, which is a project of our Library Committee under the direction of Dan Lareva, is a wonderful vehicle for spending a little time each day thinking about Jesus and what His birth means. There will be printed copies available soon in the Narthex. You'll also be able to find the writings on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

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Follow this code to our newsletter, where you will find the latest updates on all of our activities!



Don't Miss Our School Christmas Program!



Caroling!

Bring some joy! Meet at the bus in the big parking lot at 12:30, Dec. 17. We'll finish before 3.



Poinsettia Dedications

Would you like to dedicate a poinsettia plant for the sanctuary in honor of, or in memory of family members or other loved ones? Please use a flower envelope from the pew rack and write what you want to say. Place in offering box or return to office by Dec. 17.

Dedications will be published online and in print. Donations are \$10 this year.